

Credible Messenger/Violence Interruption Initiative

Treating Violence as an Epidemic Health Issue



CREDIBLE MESSENGER
JUSTICE CENTER

CURE
VIOLENCE

Using two established and proven effective violence prevention models, Jackson Community Members are developing a response to violence that focuses on tackling the root causes of violence and equipping community members with the skills and resources to eliminate it altogether.

Credible Messenger Model

Emerged based on a core belief that communities have within them transformative resources to lift up justice-involved people in a comprehensive and positive way. It works from the inside out: justice involved/at-risk young people who have a higher risk of re-offending are matched with specially trained adults with relevant life experiences (often previously incarcerated, called Credible Messengers, who share their background.

Credible Messenger Success

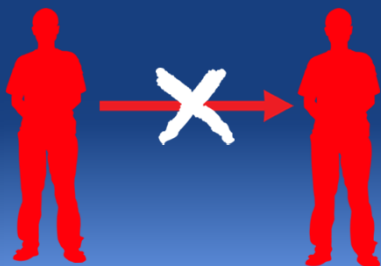
- Increased engagement with programs and services
- Reduction in re-arrests, violations, and antisocial behavior
- Increased compliance with court mandates
- Improved relationships between system stakeholders and community members
- More community capacity to support system-involved youth

Violence Interruption Model

Stops the spread of violence by using the methods and strategies associated with disease control – detecting and interrupting conflicts, identifying and treating the highest risk individuals, and changing social/community norms – resulting reductions in violence of up to 70%.

STOP EPIDEMICS by:

1. Interrupting transmission











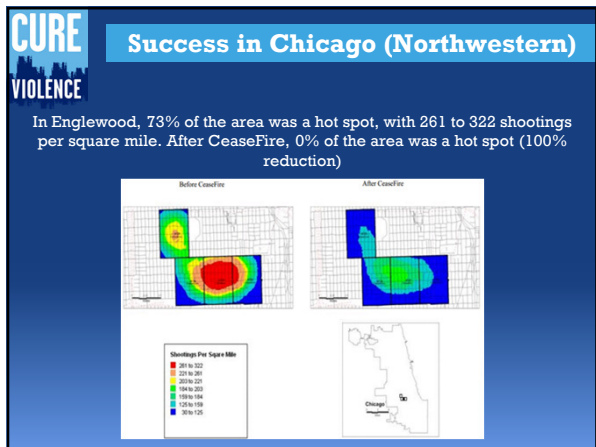
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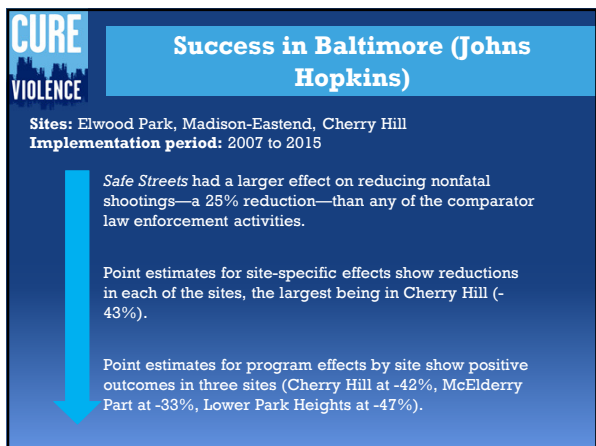


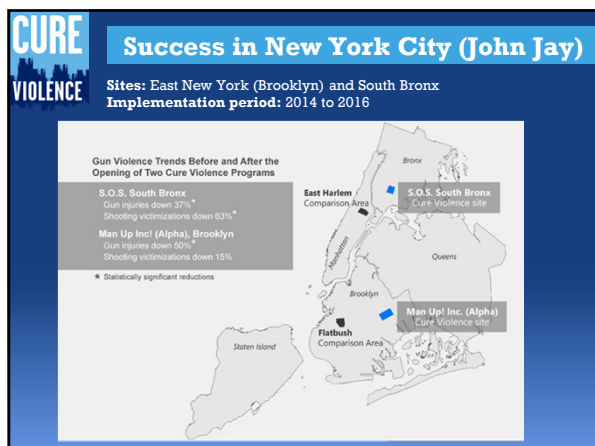


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In Jackson

Community Members have been working hard to develop a program that speaks to the specific needs of Jackson and the expertise of community members that have been mediate violence for years.



Planning Timeline

March-August 2019

Phase 1: Preliminary Research, Community Mapping, Analysis, Partner

Identification & Program Cost Analysis

Phase 2: Community Education & Trainings

September-October 2019

Phase 3: Recommendations for Safe & Healthy Communities Comprehensive

Plan, including proposal for Violence Interruption Program Design

Phase 4: Recommendations Approval and Adoption by Mayor's Office

November-December 2019

Phase 5: Release of Recommendations Report

Phase 6: Release of RFPs, Selection of Providers & Sustainability Plan

January-February 2020

Phase 7: Implementation & Ongoing Evaluation

*Research & Community Education & Trainings will be ongoing.

With Your Support

We can help eliminate violence and create healthier communities, happy families and an overall better Jackson.